

## 2002 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued assembling photo-documentation for “Lost & Found Glen Ellyn” project.
- Published the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation inaugural newsletter.
- Launched organization’s website, <[www.glenellynpreservation.org](http://www.glenellynpreservation.org)>.
- Developed opinion survey concerning teardowns and incompatible development. Distributed copies to 1,950 residents in central Glen Ellyn.
- Moved group to a membership organization with 69 total members, including:
  - 9 Charter Members
  - 17 Individual Members
  - 31 Family Members
  - 12 Senior or Student Members
- Added 83 individuals/families to the group’s contact list.
- Surveyed Village Trustee candidates concerning teardowns and inappropriate downtown development and shared results with members and contacts before the Town Hall meeting & primary elections.
- Worked with Historic Preservation Commission on conduct of Phase I of Historic Resources Survey.
- Began work with attorneys to become incorporated and a tax-exempt non-profit organization.
- 2002 Christmas Walk (November 29, 2002)
  - distributed 300 promotional brochures.
  - distributed to Village residents “What would you like to tell your Village government?” postcards.
- Supported the “Save the Main” grass roots efforts against the Main Street Development.

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1. **Preservation Seminar & Historic House Walk, October 18<sup>th</sup>** – A seminar was held in the morning featuring three speakers who discussed the results of the Glen Ellyn Historic Resources Survey and next steps for the Village. The afternoon consisted of a house walk visiting six homes in Glen Ellyn that represent typical architectural house styles of the Village. The purpose of the event was to educate residents about Glen Ellyn's historic resources, recognize and encourage local preservation efforts, and highlight alternatives to teardowns.
2. **Newsletters** – CGEP published a newsletter in the spring of 2003. The purpose of the newsletter is to educate the public about historic preservation, the environmental impact of teardowns, and alternatives to teardowns such as restoration and the use of additions to expand living space. The newsletter also highlights different architectural styles found in Glen Ellyn and the features that distinguish them. This feature is intended to educate residents and increase their appreciation for Glen Ellyn's built environment.
3. **Main Street Square or "Save the Main"** – CGEP had a presence at every Village commission meeting and Board workshop opposing this inappropriate development in downtown Glen Ellyn. The project is currently on hold pending further consideration by the Village Board.
4. **Letter Writing Campaign to Newspapers** – CGEP members began an educational campaign to draw the communities' attention to teardowns and their effects on the community.
5. **Phase I Historic Resources Survey** – CGEP worked to promote the findings of the first phase of a survey that identifies the historically and architecturally significant resources in the community. (The report, conducted by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Historic Preservation Planning Studio, won an award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association for Special Community Projects.) A summary report was made to the community during the seminar portion of the Historic House Walk event. Owners of "A" structures, those that are architecturally or historically significant, were invited to display special signs indicating that designation during October when the Preservation Seminar & Historic House Tour was being held.
6. **National Register Historic District Nomination/ Local Historic District Designation** – CGEP is working in cooperation with the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to develop and submit a National Register Nomination for a downtown historic district. The two groups are also working together to designate a local historic district in the Forest/ Anthony neighborhood of Glen Ellyn. These designations will exemplify the process for identifying and protecting historic resources within the community and provide a model for the Village to use in other designations.
7. **Presentations to/ Meetings with Community Groups** – CGEP members have met with and spoken to numerous community groups about the nature of the CGEP organization and how to preserve the historic character of Glen Ellyn. The organizations include the Glen Ellyn Historical Society, the League of Women Voters and the Rotary. CGEP is also participating in a new DuPage County group forming to oppose irresponsible development across the county.
8. **Civic Events** – CGEP maintains a visible presence throughout the community by participating in various civic events. Volunteer members have staffed a table at the annual Holiday Walk held in the downtown business district where CGEP informational brochures are distributed. In 2003, CGEP also participated in the local July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.
9. **"Lost and Found Glen Ellyn"** – A photo documentation effort has been undertaken and members of the group and other citizens are contributing photographs of structures that have been torn down or are scheduled to be torn down – the lost Glen Ellyn. Photographs of other structures that have been restored and/or incorporate sensitive additions are also being collected – the found Glen Ellyn.
10. **CGEP Website** – A volunteer with computer experience created and also maintains the CGEP website ([www.glenellynpreservation.org](http://www.glenellynpreservation.org)). The website posts a form that can be used to join the group and contains links to the most current newsletter and the Citizen Attitude Survey.
11. **Fundraising** – CGEP completed its first annual appeal and membership renewal drive. Specially designed Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation t-shirts were created and offered for sale.
12. **Organizational Formation** – CGEP was incorporated as a non-profit group and application for non-profit status is under consideration by the IRS.